



Colossians

Bible Study Notes

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Lesson 11

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“Embrace Your New Family”

Colossians 3:12-17, Ephesians 4:2, 5:19-20

1. Read Galatians 6:2-5. What are we to bear? Is this a general command for us to bear for every single person in the world? (Hint: look back at verse 1.) What will we still, individually, have to bear? What are some practical ways this might happen, this bearing command in verse 2?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. Paul is describing the body of Christ in this passage. What analogy does he share to help us to understand the importance of each role within the body? Which parts does Paul say are indispensable? Why? Is the body made this way on accident? How should we respond when one member of the body (one believer) suffers? (How do you think you are doing at responding that way?) How should we respond when one member of the body is honored? (How do you think you are doing at responding that way?)
3. Read Matthew 12:46-50. Who does Jesus say is His family? Knowing that we are co-heirs with Christ and that He calls us His brothers and sisters, what does that mean for us?
4. Read Matthew 19:29-30. What does Jesus warn that believers may be called to leave behind? Does this help us to understand the importance of the body of believers that God has given to us?

As you spend time in prayer today, consider your church family. If you are not currently attending a church, let me urge you, as the Hebrews writer urges in Hebrews 10:24-25, to not neglect gathering together with other believers. Consider how you help the body of believers you worship with. Are you able to help in a ministry area, perhaps greeting at the doors or with the children? Are you able to lead a Bible study for women, pointing them to God's truth? Are you able to encourage other believers with a simply card or note? There are so many ways that the body needs help to make sure the church is healthy. How are you contributing to the health of your church? We all have a role to play, and that role is not merely to attend services. What can you do to demonstrate your love for God's people in your own church today? Ask God to help you to go forward and find how you can lift up His body.